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What is the official definition of rural for VA purposes?

At this time, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs utilizes the US Census Bureau's definition for "Urban", "Rural" and "Highly Rural".

- **Urban Area:** Census Bureau-defined urbanized area, which is any block or block group having a population density of at least 1000 people per square mile.
- **Rural Area:** Any non-urban or non-highly rural area.
- **Highly Rural Area:** An area having less than 7 civilians per square mile